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General Syllabus

HIST 3123 The Roman World

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: HIST 1123 Civilizations of the World to 1500

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

The study of the Roman world from the rise of the Republic through the fall of the Empire.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify the origins of Rome, its rise to dominance of the western world, and its eventual fall in the 5th century A.D.
2. Analyze and relate the development and evolution of Roman culture to the wide variety institutions in the modern world.
3. Explain the ongoing influence of Roman law, art, literature, political structure on the foundations of modern western civilization.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking

Students will draw conclusions and solve problems.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate effectively with a variety of audiences in any setting.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. The Etruscan connection
- B. The conquest of Italy and the evolution of the Republic
- C. Rome versus Carthage
- D. Roman conquest of the Hellenistic World
- E. The model of Roman imperialism
- F. Caesar and the fall of the Republic
- G. Augustus and the Imperial foundation
- H. Life in Imperial Rome
- I. The rise of Christianity
- J. Arts and letters from the Roman world
- K. Barbarian invasions and social disorder
- L. The decline and fall of the empire.